

National Park Service Department of the Interior

Manhattan Project National Historical Park
Oak Ridge, Tennessee



January 2017

January Dates in MAPR History

- Niels Bohr officially announced, on January 26, 1939, the discovery of fission at an international conference at George Washington University in Washington, DC.
- President Franklin Delano Roosevelt approved the production of an atomic bomb on January 19, 1942. Construction in Oak Ridge started the next month.
- General Groves selected Hanford, WA as the site for plutonium production on January 16, 1943.
- On January 1, 1947 the Atomic Energy Commission took responsibility for complete control of the plants, laboratories, equipment, and personnel assembled to produce the atomic bomb.



Superintendent Kris Kirby
stopped by to say hello.

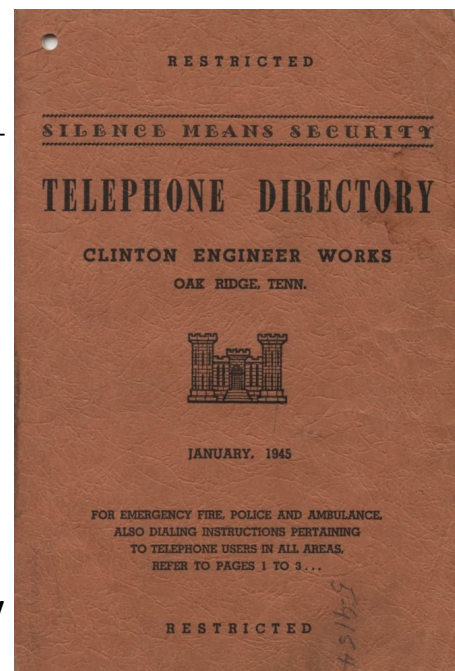
Training Opportunity for Volunteers. There will be a training session on Interpretation Techniques on Wednesday, February 22nd all day at the American Museum of Science & Energy. AMSE, ORNL Bus Tour, and MAPR volunteers are invited to attend. Please contact Effie.Houston@nps.gov to sign up.



A mural by Gale Hinton at the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge celebrates the national parks.

Park Rangers are out and about in the Oak Ridge community during the month of January. If your group would like an interpretative program on the Manhattan Project please contact the park at 865-576-6767.

DYK? The American Museum of Science and Energy has a large collection of Manhattan Project era artifacts. The irony of the cautionary "Silence Means Security" of the Clinton Engineering Works Telephone Directory was no joke.



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